

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 8-10 and 16-18 and leaves claims 3 and 5-7 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 16-18.

The drawings stand objected to by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Formal Drawing will be filed upon allowance of the present application.

Claims 8-10 and 16-18 stand objected to under 37 CFR §1.75 because of informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. Amendments were made to claim 8-10 and 16-18 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-10 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 5-10 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 7 of the Office Action that claims 1 and 3 are allowed.

Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 8 of the Office Action that claims 5-10 and 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended

to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. As indicated above, claims 5-10 were amended to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection and claims 5-10 and 16-18 were amended to correct the informalities under 37 CFR §1.75. Therefore, claims 5-10 and 16-18 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 16-18 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 16-18 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.40519X00).

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